

Accelerated Learning Proposed Graduation Rules High School – Grades 9 –12

Content Area	Current Requirement	Proposed Requirement	Final Proposed Requirement
Language Arts – includes 1 credit of speech	9	9	9
Mathematics	4	8 (including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II) Students may opt out of Algebra II	8 credits including 2 credits of Algebra I; 2 credits of Geometry; 2 credits of Algebra II or advanced math beyond Geometry according to standards and course approved by Idaho Department of Education; and 2 other math credits. Students may opt out of Algebra II or advanced math. Implementation date: 3 years of math in 2012 Implementation date: 4 years of math in 2013
Science	4	6 (All lab)	6 credits – 4 credits which are lab based Refer to definition of “lab” (1) Implementation date: 2012
Social Studies includes 2 credits of government 2 credits of History 1 credit of economics	5	5	5
Humanities	2	2	2
Health	1	1	1
PE	0	0	0
Postsecondary Readiness Plan	Learning Plan at end of 8 th grade – revised yearly	Postsecondary Readiness Plan at end of 6 th grade – revised yearly or more often at student or parent request	Learning Plan at end of 8 th grade – revised yearly Insert sentence (2)

(1) “Lab” Definition –A laboratory science course is defined as one in which at least one (1) class period each week is devoted to providing students with the opportunity to manipulate equipment, materials, specimens or develop skills in observation and analysis and discover, demonstrate, illustrate or test scientific principles or concepts.

(2) Learning Plan –The plan should include a rigorous academic core and a related sequence of electives in academic, professional technical education (PTE), and/or humanities aligned with the students’ post graduation goals.

Content Area	Current Requirement	Proposed Requirement	Recommended
Career Focus Electives – Do not have to be in the same area – students may change interest/focus every semester	0	8 May include courses in any content area including fine arts, professional technical, technology, PE, liberal arts, etc.	0
Senior Project	None	Required including oral presentation, project and written report – Districts will set requirements for project	Required including oral presentation, project and written report – Districts will set requirements for project Implementation date: 2012
College Entrance Exam	None	ACT, SAT or Compass by the end of 11 th grade	ACT, SAT or Compass by the end of 11 th grade – Implementation date: 2012
Advanced Learning Opportunities defined as Advanced Placement®, dual credit, Tech Prep or International Baccalaureate courses/programs	None	Require schools to offer advanced opportunities <i>at the high school campus</i> or provide opportunities for students to take courses at the postsecondary campus	Require schools to provide advanced opportunities or provide opportunities for students to take courses at a postsecondary campus Implementation date: 2007
Total credits required for graduation including electives and core requirements * *More credits may be offered or required by individual school districts	42	46	46

Middle School – Grades 6 – 8

Content Area	Current Requirement	Proposed Requirement	Recommended
“C” Average	No cumulative grade average required	Cumulative C average in content area courses (Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies)	No cumulative grade average required
Pre-Algebra	No requirement	Passing grade (D or higher) before entering 9 th grade	Before entering 9 th grade Implementation date: 2012
Postsecondary Readiness Plan	Learning Plan at end of 8 th grade – revised yearly	Postsecondary Readiness Plan at end of 6 th grade – Can change anytime	Learning Plan at end of 8 th grade – revised yearly Insert sentence (2)

